
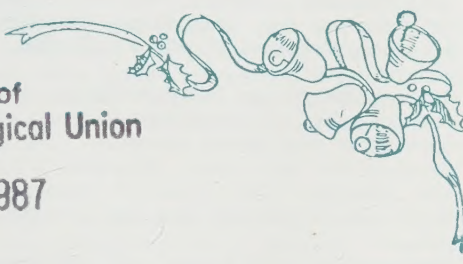



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*For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the evercircling years
Comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing*



ASSEMBLY APPROVES CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP ADAMS: THE REVEREND FARLEY MAXWELL TO CHAIR COMMITTEE

As reported briefly in the November NEWS, delegates to the Fall Assembly voted to proceed with the "CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP ADAMS" to raise \$175,000. Follow-up on that action has included the appointment of The Reverend Farley Maxwell, pastor at First Congregational Church, Vancouver. Appointed by Moderator Linda Mines Elliott to serve with him on the Camp Adams Campaign Committee are: Helen Thomas, Salem First; Robert Dressler, Portland First; Joseph Cox, Corvallis; William Stafford, Beaverton.

As provided for in the resolution approved by the Fall Assembly, the Campaign will go forward only if commitments from twenty or more CPC churches are received prior to the meeting of the Spring Assembly. The immediate task of the Campaign Committee is to equip persons who will meet with groups in local churches to make a presentation on behalf of the Campaign. The timing of those meetings will be between February and April of 1988. No project requiring Campaign funding will be carried out until funds are in hand.

Projects to be funded out of Campaign revenues include deferred maintenance, the construction of a multi-purpose building and two energy conservation projects. More detailed information on the Campaign and the projects it will fund will be made available as the Campaign Committee proceeds with its work.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REQUESTS RENEWED CHURCH STATUS FOR ZION UCC, GRESHAM

At their meeting on November 14, members of the Conference Board of Directors acted unanimously in approval of a proposal from Zion UCC, Gresham, that they be designated a "Renewed Church". The proposal was presented to the Board with the unanimous support of the Mission and Outreach Committee and its Church Development Task Force, both of which had previously reviewed the proposal with members of Zion church. The action by the Board calls upon the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to grant Zion the designation sought and to fund the request in the amount of \$42,000 over the next three years. The final third of the funding request, \$21,000, would come out of Conference New Initiatives in Church Development funds. The request goes next to the Division of Evangelism for the consideration at their February meeting.

Also included in the Board action was the request that the Conference Program Cabinet review other avenues through which the Conference could be of assistance. Included among them were help with Christian enlistment, Christian education and youth ministry. Already churches in the Portland metro area have been assisting by providing soloists and musical ensembles for worship.

NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT REGISTRATIONS

The Conference office has received registration forms for the National Youth Event to be held at Grinnel College in July, 1988. Forms have been made available to local churches. Currently CPC has been assigned 10 participant slots. More are being negotiated. Registration deadline for youth interested in participating is February 15.

1988 SPRING ASSEMBLY
WILL BE HELD AT
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
PORTLAND
ON
MAY 20-21-22
THEME: ECUMENISM

The Local Scene

Several CPC churches have hired new persons to facilitate their educational ministries. Lynn Pierce has begun her work at Meridian Church, Wilsonville, the first paid education staff person that church has had. At First Congregational Church, Salem, Tamra McPherson has been hired. Welcome to Lynn and Tamra!

Outstanding honors have come to CPC members in the last month. Ethelyn Pankratz, a member at Southwest UCC, Portland, was named for Outstanding Professional Achievement in Community Advocacy by the National Conference of Executives of Associates for Retarded Citizens. Mayor Bud Clark of Portland designated October 26 as Ethelyn Pankratz Day. Robin DeVour, a member of Meridian Church, Wilsonville, was named Oregon Blind Employee of the Year by the Oregon Commission for the Blind.

In the recent listing from the UCC Refugee Resettlement Asylum Office, 3 CPC churches are listed as sponsors of refugees since the beginning of the year: First Congregational, Salem, resettling a Polish family of 3; Bethel Congregational Church, Beaverton, resettling a Polish family of 3; Challis Community Church, who are awaiting a refugee family. The Community Church of Cedar Hills also is sponsoring an Ethiopian single man.

First Congregational Church, Ashland, has welcomed the Metropolitan Community Church into their building and spiritual family. The Metropolitan congregation will use First Church's sanctuary each Sunday.

Rockland Congregational and American Falls UCC, have called The Reverend Tim Mink to be their pastor. An Idaho native, Mr. Mink returns from Tennessee where he was involved in a variety of church and secular related jobs.

First Congregational Church, Corvallis, dedicated their new Dorothy Gattton Hall, on November 22nd. Besides providing spacious accommodations for fellowship dinners, the hall has a hardwood floor with the outlines for a basketball and a volleyball court. The Reverend Greg Turner preached the dedicatory sermon. Greg's father, The Reverend Dale Turner, spoke at the dedicatory program.

Picking up on the challenge from the youth of First Congregational Church, Klamath Falls, Chyanna Dyer and Betsy Blair, youth at First Congregational Church, Vancouver, took it upon themselves to raise funds for Camp Adams. They raised \$75! Any other youth groups ready to respond to the challenge?

Congratulations to Rev. Jim and Carol Reid, Waverly Heights Congregational Church, Portland, who became proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl on November 18.

**The 1987
Christmas
Fund**
for the Veterans
of the Cross and the
Emergency Fund

The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross provides help for retired ministers in need and assists UCC ministers who face hardship. The Christmas Fund is one way we show that we care about our clergy and their families.





JUST PEACE OFFERING TO BECOME A JANUARY CELEBRATION

The UCC Pentecost Peace Offering will no longer be an all-church offering, nor will it be received on Pentecost. Since it becomes a special offering local churches will need to order the interpretative materials and envelopes for use as they will no longer be sent automatically. To help with making those resources available, the Just Peace Task Force has arranged for the resources to be sent in bulk to the Conference office from which they can be ordered. The suggested date for receipt of the offering is January 17 in conjunction with the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday observance.

BUILDING BRIDGES TOUR II PLANNED

Jack and Phyllis Courtney, members of the Clackamas UCC and participants in the 1987 Building Bridges Tour to Central America, are coordinating a return trip to that part of the globe in February, 1988. Participants will go the Nicaragua and Guatemala spending five to six days in each country.

Persons interested in learning more about this trip should contact Jack and Phyllis Courtney at P.O. Box 02158, Portland, OR 97202.

Season's Greetings

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